

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 17, 2003. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Claims 2-7 and 10-15 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action for this Application.

Claims 2-7 and 10-15 stand objected to for various informalities. Claims 2-7 and 10-15 have been amended to address the informalities identified by the Examiner.

Claims 1-3, 8, 9, 16, and 17 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claims 5, 12, and 13 of copending U.S. Application Serial No. 10/023,800. Attached herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of Claims 1-17.

The Examiner has not provided an indication that all Information Disclosure Statements and documents cited therein have been considered during examination of this Application. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to provide an indication that the documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statements of June 16, 2003 (Fifth) and May 22, 2003 (Fourth) were considered during examination of this Application. Moreover, the Examiner failed to indicate that the non-patent document cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of February 7, 2003 had been considered. Applicant respectfully requests an appropriate indication that all submitted documents have been considered.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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